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3A, MONACO. "The 59(9) DXReport" states that Luc, I1YRL, will once again be active as **3A/I1YRL** in **October** and **November**. No specific dates were given. QSL via I1YRL.

7O, YEMEN. Zoli, HA5PP, reported to OPDX last Thursday that he will be traveling to **Sana'a**, Yemen, on Friday, **September 18th**. KYFC!! (Keep Your Fingers Crossed)

9H0, MALTA. The Dutch Amateur Radio Society (V.R.Z.A.) has planned their 11th DXpedition/holiday trip and will be active from here **October 3-18th**. The group of 24 hams will activate the **Island of Qawra (EU-023)** with five HF stations using their own **9H3** callsign on CW and SSB. A special club station callsign has been issued, **9H0VRZ**. QSL Manager for this station is PA0JR, Andre van den Bos, Korianderweg 25, 9731 HW Groningen, The Netherlands. More information and direct QSL addresses for all participants can be found on the WEB site: <http://www.vrza.org/malta.htm>

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. Ed, K8EP, will be operating from the station of **9M6AAC**. He will be there from **October 8-11th**. Ed will be concentrating on CW but also some SSB. Operations will be on mostly 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 meters. QSL route is via N2OO.

9N, NEPAL. Good news for those who need Nepal! The "DX News Sheet" reports that the following operators have been issued new licences in Nepal: Khatri/**9N1AB**, Navin Mainali/**9N1AC** (previously 9N1CW), Mr. Sunuwar/**9N1AD**, and Gourish Kharel/**9N1AE**.

9Y, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. Members of the Bavarian Contest Club (BCC) will be active from here **October 15-31st**. Operators will be DK6WL, DL4MCF, DL4MDO and DL4MEH, and they will sign as **9Y4/homecall** from **Tobago Island**. Operations will be on CW/SSB/RTTY with operations on 160-10 meters. They will also be a Multi-Single entry in the **CQWW SSB Contest** with a special callsign. QSL via their home calls.

A3, TONGA. The "DX News Letter" reports that Klaus, DJ4SO/**A35SO**, and Manfred, DJ7RJ/(will receive his call upon arrival), will be active from here **October 1-19th**. They intend to operate with a FT-847 and a IC-775DSP, no power amplifiers and vertical antennas (HB9CV on 6m) on 160-6 meters. QSL via the bureau to their homecalls.

A3 AND 5W, TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA. Gerard, PA3AXU, reports that he will depart on October 19th, from Amsterdam Airport for Tonga. He will arrive on **October 21st**, and his callsign will be **A35XU** (his license to be picked up upon arrival). He will stay in A3 **until October 28th**, where he will then transfer to Western Samoa. His callsign will be **5W0GD** and plans to stay **until November 8th**, at which time he will depart from 5W for PA-land. He will use a TS-450SAT, DX-70 (for 6 meter monitoring), GPA-30 and wire dipoles. Operations will be on RTTY/CW/SSB with activity on the "normal DX-frequencies", including the WARC bands, and a trial and error on the low bands (he has no AMP). Gerard is looking for input on whether to put an emphasis on particular bands/modes. Request are welcome at: dijkers@molyvos.net QSL to: G.A.M.C. Dijkers, PA3AXU, Dokter P.A. Cornethof 3, 6669AZ Dodewaard, The Netherlands.

AP, PAKISTAN (on CW and RTTY). Nasir/**AP2NK** is active on 20 meters CW beaming short path to the USA 0130-0300z. Look for him around 14010-14030 kHz. QSL via CBA. Tariq/**AP2TJ** is active on 20 meters RTTY at the same times, again beaming short path to the USA, usually on 14083 or 14085 kHz FSK. QSL via W3HNK.

ARRL OUTGOING QSL BUREAU. Starting **January 1, 1999**, the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau will **increase its fees from \$4.00 to \$6.00 a pound**, (150) cards. The increase is necessary "to absorb the effects of a proposed postal rate increase and to bring the money-losing service a bit closer to a break-even basis" (ARRL Newsletter/Bill Kennamer). The rate for quantities of 10 cards will remain at 1 USD.

BM0, TAIWAN. Look for **BM0S** which is a new prefix from Taiwan. This station was active this past weekend from downtown **Taichung city**. This call will be on the air for just 2 weeks. Activity seemed to start on September 17th. Paul, BV4FH, was put on the air to use this opportunity to educate the BV people on how to use the radio legally and give examinations for the novice class. The QSL info for the BM0S is: P.O.BOX 2006, Taichung City Taiwan ROC.

CN, MOROCCO. Ben, DL6FBL, has announced to OPDX that he will be active in the upcoming **CQWW Contests**. Look for him here **October 20-25th** in the **CQWW SSB Contest** as **CN8MC** (or **CN2??**) as a Single OP/All Bands/High Power entry. Look for him again **November 25-29th** in the **CQWW CW Contest** as **CN8MC** (or **CN2??**) as a Single OP/All Bands/High Power entry. He will be operating the WARC bands before the contests. QSL cards for SSB and CW will be automatically sent via the Bureau. People who can't wait, send directly to DL6FBL (CBA). Ben will be updating this info as soon as he knows which callsign will be used. Also, he will soon activate a webpage at: <http://www.boc.de/dl6fbl/>

FG, GUADELOUPE. Members of the Southern California DX Club (N6RV, K6RO, W6SR, N6ED, W6KK, and N6RT) will be active from here (IOTA NA-102) from **October 17-27th**. They will be a Multi-Single entry in the **1998 CQWW SSB contest** using the callsign **FG5BG**. They will be on before and after the contest using **FG/homecall** on all bands (160-10 meters) using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau or direct to their homecalls. QSLs for FG5BG for "1998 CQWW SSB ONLY" via K6RO. A web page and log search will shortly be available at:

<http://www.qsl.net/n6ed/fg.html>.

HI3, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Operators ON4ANT, ON4GG, ON4AOI, ON4AME, ON4AMM (YL), ON4AWK, ON4CBA and ON5LW will be active from here **October 20-27th**. They will be an entry in the **CQWW SSB Contest** as **HI3/ON4ANT**. Activity before the contest will be on CW/SSB /RTTY on 160-10 meters using a FT-1000MP, ALS600 amp and verticals (if they can get FT-920 from their sponsor, they might get on 6 meters). QSL via CBA or bureau.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **EU-075.** Lars, SM3CVM, will be active during vacation as **SV8/SM3CVM/P** from **Poros Islands** in the Peloponnisos East Group between **September 25th and October 7th**. Activity will be mainly CW on 40-10 meter at the lower part of the band or near the IOTA frequencies. QSL to home callsign or via the bureau.
- **EU-098.** Look for DL2RNS, DL2RVL and DL2VFR to be active from **Poel Island** (O-002 for German Island Award), **November 13-15th**. The team will use their own individual callsigns signing portable. They plan to be active around the clock using 3 stations, 1 PA and several different antennas to give everybody a chance who is interested in working this island located on the Baltic coast for the IOTA or German Island Award. They will be on the IOTA frequencies (a bit more CW than SSB!). QSL via homecalls to the bureau.
- **NA-136** (Update/Correction). Last week in OPDX.374 we mentioned that the Great Norwalk Amateur Radio Club would activate **Sheffield Island** on October 8th, this is **WRONG**. The correct date is **October 3rd**. Also, the club callsign **W1NLK** will be used.

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA. Bill, W4WX, will join Don, N5OLS, in **Pago Pago** as a Multi-Single entry in the **CQWW RTTY contest September 26-27th**. If the "Space A DX Group's" travel permits, Bill will be active a few days before the contest. Bill is the founder of the Space A DXpedition Group. Visit their web page at: <http://www.geocities.com/Nashviulle/9646/> Please QSL W4WX/KH8 via his CBA address in Florida.

P4, ARUBA. Jacobo, P43P will be active on all bands as **P40B** during the **CQWW SSB Contest (October 24-25th)**. QSL information for P40B is: Jacobo Oduber, P.O. Box 685, Oranjestad, Aruba. PLEASE SEE P40 NOTE UNDER QSL INFO AND NEWS. Depending on the results of the contest, Jacobo might have to look for a QSL Manager for the P40B callsign. In the meantime, he requests to just send direct all QSL requests for P40B to the address stated above. E-mail inquiries can be directed to: P43P@arubanet.com

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- The Aruba QSL Bureau is NOT handling **P40 QSL cards** (EXCEPT P40HQ!!), since these callsigns are "specific contest callsigns" in P4 land, and it is difficult for the Aruba Bureau to keep track of all the visiting amateurs using the P40 callsigns.
- **C6A25FV CARDS.** Delano, C6AFV, informs OPDX that he has just sent out about 2000 cards for his C6A25FV special event callsign. He requests that if you have already sent a card, do not resend, and also, PLEASE make sure that the IRCs are stamped in the lower left.

- QSL Manager, Bill, **K1WY**, reports that he is manager for the following DX stations: 5R8ET, ET3BT, GI6YM, P29CC, S21J, TF7GX, TF8GX, UA0DC, UA0ZBK UA0AOZ and ZL3KIM. Send your cards to P.O. Box 2644, Hartford, CT 06146. Bill also has a Web Site with more info at: <http://home.att.net/~k1wy/>
- **PS1A** and **PS1S**. These two stations were active this past weekend from Grande Island (SA-029). Operators were PY1SL and PU1KDR. QSL via PY1SL either direct or through the bureau.
- **9M0C QSLs**. Don, G3XTT, reports that all direct cards to date have been replied to and posted. All E-mail requests to date have been responded to via the RSGB bureau. All bureau cards received to date have been processed and passed to the RSGB bureau. If anyone requesting a direct card and has not received a card by September 24th, they should re-apply to Phil, G3SWH. The 9M0C team wants to thank Phil for his efforts which, so far, have involved confirming some 27,500 QSOs out of a total of 65,000 made on the expedition (and the bureau cards continue to roll in).
- **9N1UD AND HS0ZCW**. Charlie, K4VUD, who was active on CW/SSB/RTTY from Nepal in July, August and during September, states to please QSLs via K4VUD. Also, he guest operated from HS98AG, the special event station in Thailand (callsign for the Asian Games). Charlie states that while there, he was able to obtain his own callsign, HS0ZCW, in September, 1998, SSB only. Please QSL to K4VUD. ON50BDS CARDS. Eric, ON7LR, has asks for those who are awaiting for ON50BDS QSLs to PLEASE be patient. Eric has had a hard drive crash on his computer and is awaiting repairs. He will confirm all QSOs as soon as possible.
- **NEW QSL MANAGER**. Bill, **VK4FW**, reports that he has become the QSL Manager for the following new stations: YC0IEM, YC9MKF, YC9NBR, YC1LGP and YC8VIP. QSL via VK4FW at: Bill Horner, P.O. Box 929, Gympie, 4570, Australia.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION. Now **until September 28th**, look for special event station **IY1EY** to qualify for the "Loano Elettra Award" to celebrate Marconi's radioelectric experiments on the Elettra Ship from 1919 to 1936 in the Ligurian Sea. The special prefix IY1EY will be active on all modes (CW/SSB/RTTY) and bands. To receive a special QSL card reproducing Marconi's legendary boat "Elettra", QSL IK1QBT via the bureau or direct to: Tony Gallo, Via Capo S.Spirito 1/16, 17052 Borghetto, S.Spirito (SV) Italy.

ST, SUDAN. "The 59(9) DXReport" states Pierre, HB9AMO, plans to be in Sudan for **3 months** starting in **October**. He will attempt to obtain a license.

V2, ANTIGUA. The Frankford Radio Club (FRC) has once again announced that "Team Antigua" will be active again during **October 20-30th** and be a Multi-Multi entry in the **CQWW SSB Contest** as **V26B**. Before and after the contest the operators will be active using their own callsigns. Look for them to be on CW/SSB/RTTY on all bands (including the WARC bands and 160 meters). The list of operators are as follows:

OPERATOR	V2 Callsign	QSL to
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Dale/N3BNA	V26A	via WB3DNA
Sam/WT3Q	V26B	via HC
Tom/N2TK	V26AK	via WT3Q
Bill/W2UDT	V26U	via HC
Doug/W3CF	V26DX	via KU9C
Barry/W3FV	V26FV	via HC

Jay/WXOB	V26J	via HC
Brian/N3OC	V26OC	via HC
Mike/KA2AEV	V26R	via HC
Dick/K3MQH	V26T	via HC

Tom, ZP5AZL, and Wayne, K5ZG, will receive their V2 callsigns upon arrival. The members of V26B, Team Antigua, have also announced that their 1998-1999 Web site is functional at the following address: <http://www.frc-contest.org/v26b/index.htm> This is a link off the main FRC Website that posts all the coming DXpeditions and other club information.

VP9, BERMUDA. Seiji, JH6RTO/AH0R, will be active from here as **AH0R/VP9** from **October 15-17th**. He will mainly work on the WARC bands. QSL via JH6RTO or Seiji Fukushima, 1182-2506 Hase, Atsugi 243-0036 Japan.

XX9/VR2, MACAO/HONG KONG DXPEDITION (Update). As reported in last week's bulletin, OPDX.374, Jon/WB8YJF and Leo/K8PYD would be going here. Their departure date has been changed to **September 22nd** rather than September 20th due to a change in airlines. This may or may not effect their return date. They plan their operation with a heavy ephasis on RTTY. They also mentioned that they will have InterNet access from VR2, so they can let everyone know their exact schedules. QSL via homecalls.

ZY0, ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL ROCKS. The "NATAL DX GROUP" has announced that they will be active from here, **January, 1999**. There will be four operators: Randy/WX5L, Karl/PS7KM, Tino/PT7AA and another operator yet to be announced. They plan to leave Natal, Brazil, the **second week of January in 1999**, with the operation to commence **4 days later**. The operation will last for **12 days**, or 2 full weekends. All bands and modes will be utilized, with emphasis on RTTY, 6 meters and low bands (80/160 meters). The normal DX frequencies will be used. The callsigns will be **ZY0SP** for SSB/RTTY (QSL via PS7KM) and for CW, **ZY0SZ** (QSL via PT7AA). Both QSL callsigns can be found via 1998 CB. Their total planned budget for the event will be 11,000 USD, with 70% to be allocated for the boat rental. Due to these facts, they are requesting donations to make this DXpedition possible. Funds can be sent to WX5L Randy or PS7KM Karl via CBA. The "NATAL DX GROUP" E-mail address is: ndxg@qsl.net

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<http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm>

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